

Six Secrets to Effectiveness and Enjoyment in Your Work

Ephesians 6:5-9

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Do you see your job as a blessing?

Servants, respectfully obey your earthly masters but always with an eye to obeying the real master, Christ. Eph 6:5 MESSAGE

Secret # 1 RESPECT Those you work for. Rom 13:7 1Peter 2:19

- You also need a healthy fear
- You will maximize their effectiveness
- You will minimize your anxiety

Romans 13:7 "Give honor and respect to all those to whom it is due."

1 Peter 2:19 says "Submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God."

Maybe you can't respect them for their actions but you can respect them for the place that God has put them in.

Secret #2 Work with a SINCERE heart.

We learn it from GOD CRITICISM FAILURE "Blessed is the righteous man who falls seven times and still gets up."

Secret #3 Stop trying to IMPRESS your boss. Prov 25:27

Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. Eph 6:6 MESSAGE

Our motivation should not be the eye that is upon us, but the heart that is within us.

"It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; Matt 20:26-27 NASU

Secret #4 Find God's WILL in your work... in any job situation.

1. Recognize it's God's will to grow you through difficulty.
2. It's God's will for you to minister where you are.
3. It's God's will for you to be a witness where you work.

Secret #5 Picture God as your boss!

And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God. Eph 6:7 MESSAGE

- Serving halfheartedly You can't see God's involvement in what you do
- Serving with a divided heart You feel like you are being pulled in two different directions
- Serving wholeheartedly Your loyalties are toward Him.

Secret #6 Look to the Lord for your reward.

Good work will get you good pay from the Master, regardless of whether you are slave or free. Eph 6:8 MESSAGE

How to be a great boss!

Masters, it's the same with you. No abuse, please, and no threats. You and your servants are both under the same Master in heaven. He makes no distinction between you and them. Eph 6:9 MESSAGE